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SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF POYNTER LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 13, 2008
4:00 P.M. Library Conference Room

Present: David Hubbell, Ann Sackett, Marci Jacobs, Louise Weaver, Marion Ballard, Betty Jean Miller, and Najwa Hahn. Ex-officio: Kathy Arsenault, Jean Ferguson.

President's Report: David Hubbell

Dr. Hubbell called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 20th meeting, and all agreed. He then turned the floor over to Marion Ballard.

Treasurer's Report: Marion Ballard

Marion reviewed the SAPL budget, and after several minutes of discussion, the board approved the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Library Dean's Report: Kathy Arsenault

Kathy reported that the dorms are full, the library is busy all the time, and enrollment is up significantly for 2009/10. The budget report remains dire, however, with 15% budget cuts for 2008 and more to come for next year. The library was able to use foundation money to expand the wireless system and build a laptop area. One half of the library books added last year were gift books; the library is most appreciative of SAPL and the individual donors for these.

Report on Search to Replace Kathy Arsenault

Kathy noted that the search committee is underway to find a replacement for her position. Dr. Frank Biafora, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, is the chair, and Zeynep is assisting. The ads are out, with the cutoff being around the start of the year. SAPL members are encouraged to come meet the candidates, and a schedule will be mailed out. Kathy's last day is April 30th, but Ray is not retiring. Kathy suggested that the committee look for someone who is "realistic but optimistic."

Dr. Hubbell reminded the board of the need to get the word out about SAPL. He passed out a list compiled by Kathy of "Top Ten Reasons to come to Poynter Library." The board was reminded that SAPL members can use the library's licensed databases, check out books, and audit classes for free if over age 60. It was also mentioned that the upcoming Harborage might lead to new members. The board agreed to distribute Kathy's list, along with SAPL brochures, to various book clubs in St. Petersburg.

Approval of Library Expenditures for 2008/09

Kathy made several recommendations to the board. She indicated that Marcy Carrel, the business librarian, would like to attend continuing education training regarding library instruction at Eckerd College next summer, and she wondered if SAPL could cover the \$1,750 cost. She also asked if SAPL could give \$1,250 in support of the new fiction

collection, leaving the remainder to the new director who may need funds for his/her special projects. Najwa mentioned having received a letter about an organization that donates books libraries can't use to overseas charities, schools, etc., and said she would mail it to Kathy. The others thought it sounded great instead of using Better World Books. The board then approved the recommended expenditures.

Planning for Spring 2009 Annual Meeting

Kathy suggested that Ray Arsenault be the speaker, as he has another book coming out in April. It's about Marian Anderson, the singer who broke a color barrier after giving a concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and Ray would give a preview of the book. Kathy also proposed that the annual meeting be moved to March 20th when the weather is cooler, it's the end of spring break, and it's not a Grand Prix or American Stage night. The board approved Kathy's suggestions.

Process to Select New Officers

The board decided to hold another meeting to choose the four required officers and possibly more board members. They requested lists of the current SAPL board members and the current SAPL members. Dr. Hubbell said he would work with Jean on a letter to accompany the lists. The next meeting will be held on January 22nd.

Fiction Contest

Kathy said she would try to get Collette Bancroft, the book editor of the *Times*, to be the judge for the next fiction contest.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.